

User Group 1 “*PostalOne!* / SASP / Intelligent Mail”
Minutes
Thursday, August 19, 2010
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Agenda Items

- ✚ Kickoff / Introductions
- ✚ New Mail.dat IMR Validation
- ✚ Release 25 – New Items
- ✚ Questions / Issues
- ✚ A new feature in release 24.1.2

Kickoff / Introductions

- ✚ Meeting Frequency – Next meeting is Tuesday August 31, 3:00 PM -4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time phone 866 567-8049 code 9232489; then Occurs every Thursday effective September 9, 2010 until November 11, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Eastern Standard Time 866 567-8049 code 2292132
- ✚ Agenda Items
 - Email all potential agenda items to the leadership
- ✚ Communications
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New Mail.dat IMR Validation

- ✚ NEW REQ: The *PostalOne!* system will reject Mail.dat submission for Full-service or Mixed-service jobs where the sum of (the .imr IM Barcode Upper Serialization minus the .imr IM Barcode Lower Serialization plus 1) for all IMR records in the job is more than 20% above the sum of the .imr Piece Count for all IMR records in the job.
- ✚ For example, if the job has three range records.

IMR Unique ID	IM Barcode Upper Serialization	IM Barcode Lower Serialization	Piece Count
1	9999990000000001	999999000010000	1,000
2	999999000010001	999999000010100	100
3	999999000020001	999999000020500	500

- ✚ Sum of the .imr IM Barcode Upper Serialization minus the .imr IM Barcode Lower Serialization plus 1 = 10,000 + 100 + 500 = 10,600
Sum of the .imr Piece Count = 1,000 + 100 + 500 = 1,600
This example would fail server-side validation because 10,600 is more than 20% above 1,600.
- ✚ **Note:** Any full-service range with (the .imr IM Barcode Upper Serialization minus the .imr IM Barcode Lower Serialization plus 1) less than the .imr Piece Count will continue to fail Mail.dat validation

Release 25 – New Items

- ✚ Mailing date can only be 30 days in the future or next price change, whatever is sooner.
Correction to this statement: For the Jan 3, 2011 Price Change, there will be no problem to future date the postage statements. It will not be possible for the Postal Service to finalize the postage statement for the new prices until after Jan 3. Mailers expressed concern about the

30 day limitation and stated that in normal business submission of ready to pay Mail.dat could occur for a mailing date 90 days in the future. After the meeting a change request was submitted to change this rule to be that the Mailing date can only be some number of days in the future where the number of days is a parameter that can be changed. This number of days will be initially set to 120 days for the November 7, 2010 release.

- ✚ New validations on PSW statements for Intelligent Mail piece barcode range to match to number of pieces in the range (Spoilage is not allowed on the PSW statements). Additional information is that for Postal Wizard full-service postage statements there must be 9,999 or fewer mail pieces. It is not possible to enter Postal Wizard for Package Service full-service or Periodicals full-service postage statements.
- ✚ Enforce validation already stated in guides and specs that a Mail.dat job can only have PDR or IMR for a given Job ID. Further detail stated in the meeting that a Mail.dat submission presenting both PDR and IMR will be rejected. A Mail.dat submission with IMR will reject later updates if they have PDR and vice versa.

Questions /Issues

✚ Question

What behaviors will PostalOne! expect when an initial presort is later downgraded because all or part of the mailing:

- No longer qualifies for Full Service pricing and benefits
- No longer qualifies for automation pricing
- Fails deflection testing

The discussion needs to take into account how these circumstance are inter-related, e.g., losing automation means also losing Full Service.

It also needs to be understood that these mailings are physically sorted and prepared under automation rules and the containers and handling units are labeled as such.

There are two methods for handling this situation with eDoc (Mail.dat or Mail.XML).

A. Cancel the eDoc and restate the eDoc showing the correct prices for the pieces that lost the automation and full-service discount. This is the preferred method because with this method the pieces that lost the full service do not go to the SASP system.

B. The Postal Service can charge the additional postage due to losing the automation prices and the full-service discount during the finalization process.


A new feature in release 24.1.2


- ✚ A new feature in release 24.1.2 August 15 is that mailings with data submitted using Mail.dat files; validation now compares the Container Destination ZIP Code from the .CSM file with the CSA Label To field, and then the CSA Container Destination ZIP Code. Previously, the CSA Label To field was not part of the matching process, causing mailings missing a ZIP Code in the CSA Container Destination ZIP Code field to not be associated with the appropriate .CSM data. 61219. Additional information was requested at the meeting to understand how to view the CSA and its relationship to Mail.dat fields. As follow up on this item the Postal Service recommends this reference material: Postal Service Mail.dat Technical Specification - Appendix F Customer/Supplier Agreement Procedures and A Guide to Customer Supplier Agreements.


Other

- ✚ An item requested later in email for this meeting but was not on the agenda is concern about this release note: For Mail.dat jobs, a validation will be added that rejects update or change job submissions that change the Segment file if containers on that segment have already been marked as ready to pay. 56888 Mailers are concerned in the course of normal business it is necessary to change some Segment file fields. A subsequent follow up meeting identified the fields requiring change: 1. Sibling Container Mailing; 2. Full-Service Participation Indicator; and 3. CSA Agreement ID. A proposed solution will be presented at the August 31st meeting.

Next Meeting

 **Tuesday August 31, 2010, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

 Business Service Administrators (BSA) Reacceptance

 WG 122 Issues – Address and reassign